

## **FIGHTING ONLINE CRIME FOCUS OF APRIL 24 WEBCHAT**

**WASHINGTON, APRIL 18** – Daniel Larkin, unit chief of the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) at the FBI, will answer questions and discuss online crime and the IC3 – a reporting and referral system for Internet crime complaints from people in the United States and around the world – during a USINFO webchat April 24 at 9 a.m. EDT (1300 GMT, 7 p.m. Bangladesh Time).

Internet crime, also called cybercrime, is any illegal activity arising from one or more Internet components, such as Web sites, chat rooms, or e-mail. It can include everything from nondelivery of goods or services and computer intrusions (hacking) to intellectual property rights abuses, economic espionage (theft of trade secrets), online extortion, international money laundering, identity theft, and a growing list of other Internet-facilitated offenses.

The IC3 works with law enforcement officials in many countries, including Nigeria, Australia and the United Kingdom. IC3 representatives also attend periodic meetings of the G8 Subgroup on High-Tech Crime, part of which works to combat cybercrime and enhance cyberinvestigations. The G8, or Group of Eight nations, comprises Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, the United States and Russia.

If you would like to participate in this webchat, please sign up on the USINFO Webchat registration page (<http://usinfo.state.gov/utls/chatemailreg.php>). Please tell us your preferred screen name; use of full names is not required.

If you have participated in one of our previous webchats, please use the same user name and password. You may submit questions in advance to [usinfowebchat@state.gov](mailto:usinfowebchat@state.gov) (<mailto:usinfowebchat@state.gov>) or directly during the webchat.

The transcript of this webchat will be available in USINFO's Webchat Station (<http://usinfo.state.gov/usinfo/Products/Webchats.html>), where information about upcoming webchats is also available.

We accept questions and comments in advance of and any time during the program. You may also e-mail ([usinfowebchat@state.gov](mailto:usinfowebchat@state.gov)) questions without registering.

For more information, see Larkin's article on "Fighting Crime Online" (<http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/itgic/0306/ijge/larkin.htm>) in the State Department electronic journal Media Emerging (<http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/itgic/0306/ijge/ijge0306.htm>).

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